



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services**

**Date:** April 2, 2012

**To:** Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair - Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

**Subject:** Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors

**Recommendation:** That the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee approve amending Chapter 186 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances to create a Mobile Food Vehicle, Non-Profit Free Food Distributor license and adding a license fee to Schedule J License Fee Schedule.

**Previous Directives:** None

### **Department Information**

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Presenters in Committee: Grant Wilson

### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

### **Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification: A public hearing notice was sent to all Business Associations, Neighborhood Organizations, Mobile Food Vehicle license holders and posted on the Business Licenses' website.

### **Community Impact**

- City Goals: Jobs & Economic Vitality - Businesses — big and small — start here, stay here, thrive here

**Supporting Information**

In 2010, the Minneapolis City Council created the Mobile Food Vehicle license which allowed food establishments to prepare and/or serve food to customers from a self-contained vehicle. The popularity of mobile food service skyrocketed in 2011 as the number of licenses quadrupled and interest continues to grow with 33 active licenses.

In addition to private vendors, non profit agencies have made inquiries into securing a license for mobile food vending. Since our community is greatly enhanced by charitable activities, staff recommends creating a new license category called Mobile Food Vendor, Non-Profit Free Food Distributor for non-profit organizations to provide prepared food or grocery items to the public in a charitable, non commercial manner from a mobile food vehicle. In addition to verifying their non-profit 501(c)(3) status, applicants must meet the current Mobile Food Vehicle Vendor license requirements and review processes to ensure safety.

**Recommendation**

That the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee approve amending Chapter 186.50 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances by adding a Mobile Food Vehicle, Non-Profit Free Food Distributor license and amending Schedule J License Fee Schedule by adding a reduced annual license fee.

License Type	2012 Fee
Mobile Food Vehicle, Non-Profit Free Food Distributor	\$50